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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT: PARA 4.)

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SUBJECT: VIEWS OF SA'ID KAMAL

1. ON JAN 11 UK EMBOFF HAD CONVERSATION WITH SA'ID KAMAL, DEPUTY HEAD OF PLO POLITICAL DEPARTMENT, IN WHICH LATTER COMMENTED ON SECOND STAGE WITHDRAWAL, BUT WITHOUT CLARIFYING IF HE SPOKE FOR HIMSELF OR FOR PLO EXCOMM.

2. KAMAL SAID PALESTINIANS DO NOT OBJECT TO AN EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT FOR SECOND STAGE WITHDRAWAL IN SINAI AS LONG AS THIS IS MILITARY AGREEMENT WITH "NO POLITICAL CONCESSIONS". HE DID NOT DEFINE HIS CONCEPTION OF A "POLITICAL CONCESSION". FOLLOWING SUCH A MILITARY SECOND STAGE WITHDRAWAL, KAMAL SAID PALESTINIANS WOULD BE PREPARED ATTEND PRELIMINARY MEETING AT GENEVA AS PART OF GOJ DELEGATION. HE WAS APPARENTLY REFERRING TO MEETING AT WHICH QUESTION OF OFFICIAL PALESTINIAN PARTICIPATION WOULD BE AT TOP OF AGENDA.

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3. KAMAL GAVE UK EMBOFF ACCOUNT OF PLO'S DEMANDS PRESENTED TO

RIFA'I AT QUADRIPARTITE CONFERENCE WHICH GENERALLY ACCORDS WITH ACCOUNT PROVIDED CAIRO 130. HE ADDED THAT PLO HAS EXTRACTED FROM ABU IYAD A PLEDGE TO CEASE HIS ATTACKS, VERBAL OR OTHERWISE, ON HKJ FOR A PERIOD OF THREE MONTHS.

4. TUNIS HIJACKERS, ACCORDING TO KAMAL, ARE IN ALGERIA AND OTHER FEDAYEEN DELIVERED INTO EGYPTIAN CUSTODY ARE UNDER ARMED GUARD AT A CAIRO VILLA. PLO COURT WILL BE CONVENED EITHER IN DAMASCUS OR CAIRO TO TRY TUNIS HIJACKERS. VC-10 HIJACKING OPERATION, HE SAID, WAS FINANCED BY LIBYA AND ARRANGED BY ABU NIDAL. HIJACKERS INFILTRATED DUBAI BY SEA.

5. COMMENT: KAMAL TOLD UK EMBOFF, WHO HE KNOWS HAS CONTACT WITH AMERICAN POLITICAL OFFICER, TO ASSURE AMERICANS THAT PLO IS NOT IN A HURRY FOR SETTLEMENT BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO EGYPTIAN ACTION TO SECURE SINAI WITHDRAWAL AS LONG AS GOE/GOI AGREEMENT IS PURELY MILITARY. UK EMBOFF TOLD KAMAL HE DID NOT INTEND TO BECOME GO-BETWEEN, PASSING MESSAGES BETWEEN HIM AND US EMBASSY. KAMAL APPARENTLY TOOK THE POINT.
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